

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 824

By Fitzhugh

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Representative Bill W. Harmon for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as a member of the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this body should honor those fellow legislators who have performed their duties with the utmost probity, and whose efforts during their time in office have been dedicated to providing thoughtful and exemplary service to their districts and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Representative Bill W. Harmon is one such distinguished public servant who has served both his constituency and this legislative body with honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Representative Harmon has been a highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of the 37th House District, and he has served his constituents in numerous capacities, always working diligently at his elected duties and expending the necessary effort to understand the opposing sides of complex issues; and

WHEREAS, as a House member of the 103rd through 107th General Assemblies, Bill Harmon has been prominent as a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always votes his conscience; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Deer Park High School in Cincinnati, he pursued higher education at the University of Cincinnati before relocating to Dunlap, Tennessee, where he would serve with acumen and alacrity as a director of business development; and

WHEREAS, as an active and dynamic participant in the legislative process, Representative Harmon currently renders sterling service as a member of the House Transportation Committee, House Commerce Committee, House General Sub-committee of Commerce, and the House General Sub-committee of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, a former member of the Calendar and Rules Committee, Rep. Harmon served with acumen and alacrity during his tenure as chair of the House Transportation Committee and Chair of the Joint Select Oversight Committee on Corrections; and

WHEREAS, a remarkable individual whose Baptist faith has instilled in him a strong sense of responsibility towards his fellow citizens, Bill Harmon has graciously donated his time and energies to many community and civic organizations, including the Sequatchie County-Dunlap Chamber of Commerce, the Sequatchie County Adult Literacy Council, the Sequatchie County Health Council, the Tennessee Association for Special Transportation, the Association of Tennessee Valley Counties, Tennessee Human Resource Agency Association, Sequatchie Valley Emergency Medical Service, Sequatchie County Democratic Party, Sequatchie Valley Planning and Development Agency, and the Southeast Community Health Agency; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his involvement in these organizations, he also served as past president of the Tennessee Short Line Railroad Alliance, chairman of the Southeast Tennessee Human Resource Agency, and board member of the Tennessee County Executive Association and Tennessee County Services Association; and

WHEREAS, throughout his long and distinguished career as a public servant, Representative Harmon has worked tirelessly on behalf of his constituents, bringing to his office an honorable bearing and the traditional values of hard work and common sense; and

WHEREAS, his many civic and professional accomplishments aside, Bill Harmon is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, three children, and two grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Representative Bill Harmon is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized for his distinguished tenure in this body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Representative Bill W. Harmon for his meritorious service to Tennessee as a member of the General Assembly, commend him for his countless

contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of the 37th House District, and extend to him our best wishes for much success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.